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TOPIC Activities in KVP Schools

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. In mid-July 1955, it was disclosed that about 600 students of medicine who pledged themselves to serve as physicians in the KVP were scheduled to occupy the former Luftwaffenakademie on Pappel Allee in Greifswald next fall.¹ 25X1
2. Between 1 and 4 August 1955, the courses for the recently recruited officer candidates were scheduled to begin at the individual officer-candidate schools.²
3. In late July 1955, the Oranienburg castle quartered about 650 to 700 KVPs. On 1 August 1955, this number allegedly increased due to the arrival of another 50 officer candidates who were high-school graduates.² 25X1
4. Activities which, from mid-July to mid-August 1955, were almost daily observed in the area of the installation and its vicinity included drill exercises, field training, physical training, instruction, marksmanship training with rifles, and motor-vehicle maintenance. No heavy weapons were observed.
5. On 8 August 1955, 4 newly erected barracks were observed in the area of the training ground west of the castle.
6. On 27 July 1955, 2 trucks, each of which towed a 45-mm AT gun, entered the area of the KVP school in Naumburg.²
7. From 27 July to 15 August 1955, the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne in Potsdam quartered about 200 KVPs. On 1 August 1955, a platoon of about 40 officers, most of them lieutenants, left the installation which presumably housed an officers' school.²
8. In early August 1955, the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne in Potsdam quartered an estimated 150 officers and officer candidates. Activities frequently observed in the area of the installation included drill exercises and marksmanship training which involved officer candidates and a platoon of 34 officers who were different service colors. According to a KVP officer, 100 officer candidates were in a summer camp at the troop training grounds east of Klietz.²
9. On 4 August 1955, a training course for recently recruited KVP officer candidates was opened at an SP unit in Grossenhain.²

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10. On 4 August 1955, the newly inducted officer candidates at the signal school in Pirna received their uniforms. At that time, the men quartered in the school totalled about 500 men including the training staff. On the very date of induction, the new officer candidates were appointed technical sergeants.² 25X1
11. [redacted] the ZK (central committee) of the SED (Socialist Unity Party) [redacted] announced a decree, signed by Walter Ulbricht, on military training of the political functionaries of the Party organisation [redacted] as follows: 25X1
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1. All political functionaries, younger than 40 years, who are members of the staffs of the ZK or the district and county headquarters, full-time secretaries of large plants, and teachers at Party schools will undergo military training by 1956.
 2. The said military training of political Party functionaries will be effected in four 8-week training courses at summer camps. The first course will take place from 1 August to 30 September 1955 - it will involve about 1,200 comrades or the first fourth of political functionaries younger than 40 years. The second course will be held from May to June 1956, the third from July to August 1956, and the fourth from September to October 1956. At the end of such training, each trainee shall be qualified for the post of a platoon leader and shall be commissioned as a reserve officer. Exempt from such training are those comrades who have already served a three-year term in the KVP and have been commissioned platoon leaders. Starting on 25 July 1955, comrades eligible for the first course will be ready for call.³
12. By a decree of the ZK of the SED which became known in early July 1955, political functionaries of and over the level of SED district headquarters were bound to acquire officer's commissions at the earliest practicable date. The first training course was scheduled to start in early August 1955.³ 25X1
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1. [redacted] Comment. The present report confirms the intended establishment of a KVP medical officers' academy in Greifswald. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. The last training courses at officer-candidate schools generally commenced in the late fall of 1954. During past years, officer candidates were also assigned to schools on the date of their induction, but only to a minor extent. [redacted] That officer candidates have allegedly been appointed technical sergeants on the occasion of their induction is reported for the first time. The schools and training courses which are mentioned in the present report are known. 25X1
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